

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application in light of the following comments is courteously solicited.

Applicant elects the species of Figure 3a. All of the claims are readable on the elected species.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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